

## New Book 'Secret' Revealed By County Library Chief

Librarian John D. Henderson this week revealed a professional "secret" that explains how the Torrance branch of the Los Angeles County Public Library system is able to have many of the most popular books on its shelves within a few days of the official publication dates of the books.

"The fact that during the past 18 months the library has developed a procedure to insure that popular books are immediately on the shelves of local branches has drawn forth much favorable comment from many patrons, who were puzzled as to how the books could get to the local outlets so soon," the County Librarian said.

The "secret" of the procedure which makes this possible is not really a secret at all, Henderson continued, but it results from a highly coordinated well thought out plan to utilize the best advance information available to the professional library staff for the benefit of library users.

The "key" to the procedure is the professional competence of the County Library's 10 man book selection staff, headed by Kevin O'Farrell.

"By diligent work in keeping abreast, and in some cases ahead, of trends in book publishing and by relating this knowledge to current reading preferences of the public, the book selection section is able to order many books before they are actually published," Henderson continued.

### Big Weekend Reported at 'Little Indy'

By JUNE PICKERING  
It was a big weekend for little Rick Goode as he set fast time and won the trophy dash at Little Indy quarter midget track, 190th and Normandie.

Rick also won the main event with Gordon Cook second. The semi-main went to Ray Franklin and John Cooper.

The specials were won by Joey Howard and John Cooper. Heat winners were Rick Goode, Joey Howard and John Cooper.

In the "B" class Lonnie Patterson set fast time and also won the trophy dash. Main winners were Dennis Merritt, Ricky Wicker and Mike Candiff.

Kenny Cope took the semi-main, with Larry Kilroy second and Janet Wicker third. David Estey won the junior main, with Rippy Curry second.

Heat winners were Lonny Patterson, Janet Wicker, Kenny Cope and David Estey.

Fast time in the "A" class was set by Courtney Welch who also won the trophy dash. Main went to Mike Porzio, Courtney Welch and Roger Girdner.

Mike Pawsey won the semi-main, Eddie Estey second, and Gene Yamamoto third. Heat winners were Courtney, Roger Girdner, Mike Atwood and Gene Yamamoto.

### Contract for Nose Cones Awarded Firm

Kerr Products Co. Div., 24660 S. Crenshaw Blvd., is now engaged in filling a \$35,800 contract to make plastic satellite nose cones for the Lockheed Missiles & Space Company of Sunnyvale.

The contract will be completed in January, 1963.

It is Lockheed's policy to award contracts when feasible to small businesses, according to Director of Procurement Harry W. Kohl.

As prime contractor for the Navy's Polaris fleet ballistic missile system and manufacturer of the Agena Satellite vehicle — the nation's most effective mobile launching platform in space — utilized in a number of Air Force research and development programs as well as earth-orbiting and deep space missions for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Lockheed Missiles and Space Company thus far this year has awarded 170,000 contracts to firms and suppliers in all parts of the nation.

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All processing of the books ordered in advance of publication is completed before the order is actually received, except for the physical processing required before the book can be circulated. This means that only a minimum time period is required from receipt of the books by the Central Library until they are being borrowed by the patrons at the 92 branches of the County Library.

Members of the book selection staff, under O'Farrell's guidance, are kept up to date on books to be published in the near future by reading trade journals of the publishing industry. Knowing what books are to be published and when they are to be published is the first step in the procedure.

The second step is determining whether or not an individual book title should be bought or not. "This is where the professional judgment of the author's past performance and knowledge of the publishing industry is critical," O'Farrell explained. He added that books to be published by some authors of established stature are automatically included for purchase as soon as the publication is announced.

In recent months these authors have included the following, many of whom are local: John Steinbeck, David Staction, Leonard Webberly, Leo Carillo, Ed Ainsworth, Nicholas Monsarrat, J. D. Salinger, John O'Hara, Frank Slaughter, Richard Nixon, Irving Stone and Ray Bradbury.

When the quantity orders of the "rush" books are received they are accorded first priority in handling at Central Library and at the Regional Libraries. The procedure in getting these books to local outlets was recently speeded up by inaugurating a system of daily delivery of books from the Central Library to the various regional libraries in the county system.

Over 300 titles of popular novels and non-fiction works, ranging from 35 to 100 copies of each title, are bought each year under this procedure.

According to O'Farrell, the procedure has been worked out so that the Library receives a substantial discount on the "rush" books as well as books bought under regular procedures.

### Counselors For Probation Dept. Needed

Los Angeles County's Probation Department urgently needs probation counselors, according to an announcement made this week by the County Civil Service Commission.

Recent publicity has resulted in gratifying response by both men and women, but the continual promotion of Counselors to higher level positions, and the continued growth of the Probation Department has resulted in many vacancies in various areas of the County.

Probation counselors earn a salary of \$480 per month to start. Although no previous experience is required, they must be graduates of an accredited college.

Their duties involve supervising and counseling groups of delinquent boys or girls assigned to Juvenile Hall or forestry camps.

Interested persons are urged to secure full information and application as soon as possible from the County of Los Angeles Civil Service Commission, 222 N. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles 12. Telephone MA 4151-9-3521.

### CANTATA SET

The adult choir of Grace Community Church of Torrance will present the cantata "Love Transcending" by John W. Peterson at their 7 p.m. worship services Sunday at McManis Park, 3624 W. Artesia Blvd.

The choir is under the direction of Mrs. Fandey. Pianist is Mrs. Ralph McBee. Soloists will be Mrs. Marvin Ard and Mrs. Fandey.

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